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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: : Piunno

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Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: : Sakelaris, Sally A.

For: Selectivity of Nucleic Acid Diagnostic and Microarray Technologies by Control of Interfacial Nucleic Acid Film Chemistry

Docket No. : 99-00

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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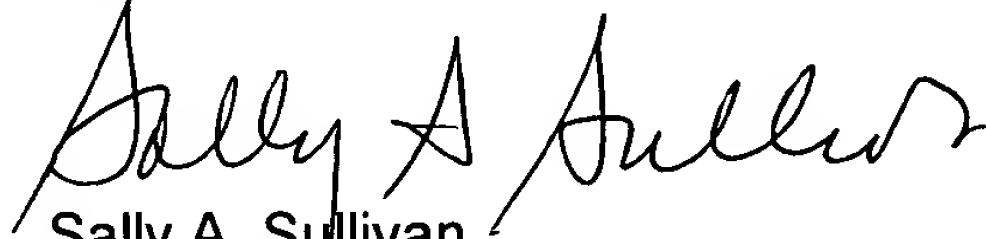
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2004, Applicants are submitting a continuation application claiming priority to the above-identified application. This response is accompanied by a Petition of Extension of Time (three months) to ensure copendency of the above-identified application with the continuation filed concurrently with this response. Applicants expressly abandon the above-identified application in favor of the concurrently-filed continuation as of the filing date of the concurrently filed continuation application.

This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$475. If the enclosed amount is incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to deposit account 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,


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